

## LEGADO SYRAH



<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Winemaking Team</b>	Marcelo Retamal, Felipe Müller and Adriana Cerda
<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Appellation</b>	Choapa Valley. The grapes used to produce this wine come from the Choapa Valley, situated in the north of Chile. The main characteristic of this region is that it does not have a central valley and within a distance of less than 90 kms one passes from the Pacific Ocean through the coastal hills to reach the Andes Mountains. The vineyards are located at 825 mts above the sea-level in the mountains; the area is hot, however during the period of maturation of the fruit it experiences a strong breeze coming from the ocean which gives the feeling of considerably lower temperatures.
<b>Soil</b>	The soils are colluvial from piedmont, of clay and sand with volcanic rock deposits, particularly stones and angular blocks which have not decomposed.
<b>Production</b>	Hand picking of the grapes started in mid-April at the optimum phenolic ripeness, looking for the best expression and balance of the fruit. Fermentation was then carried out at strictly-controlled temperature.
<b>Ageing</b>	The wine was then kept in French oak 13 months.



Deep red colour, almost purple and very vivacious. On the nose, it is very expressive with aromas of ripe dark fruits, and some floral and spicy hints. The oak is perfectly integrated with the fruit and delivers great intensity. In the mouth, the first thing one notices is the freshness of this wine, resulting from its natural acidity, a product of the terroir from which it originates. It also delivers soft tannins and wonderful balance. The finish is long and consistent.

#### Cellaring Recommendations

Can be enjoyed now or cellared for 5 years

#### Suggestions

Ideal served with lamb, rabbit, prime rib, steak au poivre and other meat dishes, but can also be enjoyed on its own. Ideal served at 16°C

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**90 points**



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